

COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba High School's Class of 1951 holds reunion

On July 28 and 29, the Elba High School Class of 1951 held its 55th class reunion.

Walter and Janice Smith were the hostesses and held it at the Smith Family Farm Red Barn. The tables were appropriately decorated in country motif.

Friday evening started out with an old fashioned "Riverside Cafe supper." A "thinking of you" card was signed by everyone to send to Brian Turman who is seriously ill and couldn't attend.

On Saturday, members began arriving early to get in on the fellowship and sharing of stories and pictures, some old and some new.

For lunch, the Smiths dished up a superb "Mrs Paul's Cafe lunch," including drinks and dessert. In the afternoon, members grouped themselves at tables for games of dominoes, train, hand and foot, sequence, and other card games and activities.

Mid-afternoon, it was time to open those ice cream freezers and indulge in the coolness of their contents.

Saturday night dinner was another wonderful treat from "Parrish's BBQ Pit." During this time, the new Elba playground project was discussed, and members made a contribution to its fund.

Those attending during the weekend were Dub & Helen (Goodson) Baggett, James & Helen (King) Kemp, Reno & Sara (Farris) Pietrantonio, Wayne & Dorothy (Gallimore) Ennis, Dorsey Lee & Sara (Dye) Rhodes, Wyeth & Gloria (Whitley) Bragg, Billy & Betty Flowers, Hugh & JoAnne Parker, Walter & Janice Smith, Bob & Syble (King) Hahn, Percy & Ann Dyess, Albert & Chris Lee, Douglas & Earlene



Ladies shown enjoying the reunion activities include: (seated left to right) Sara (Farris) Pietrantonio, Helen (King) Kemp, Janice (McCollough) Smith - hostess, and Earlene (Ammons) Green; (standing) Syble (King) Hahn and Betty (Rushing) Rogers.

(Ammons) Green, Betty (Kelly) Davis, Laura (Walker) Smart and Eugene (Rushing) Rogers, Rebecca (Dewberry) Kelly, Roxie Devane.

Seth McCollough participates in Ruben Studdard Music Camp

Seth McCollough was selected to participate in the first annual Ruben Studdard Music Camp held recently at Wallace Community College in Dothan.

More than 250 students auditioned with only 60 vocalists and 40 instrumentalists selected to participate and perform with American Idol Ruben Studdard.

The week long camp held July 24-August 1, was designed to promote the growth and development of amateur musicians to experience the highest level of musicianship.

Participants received hands-on technical training in critical areas such as song writing, music theory, voice and on-stage performance, along with



Seth McCollough(left) with Ruben Studdard

guidance from experienced mentors. In addition, there were special appearances by music producers and song writers who shared their music career.

A surprise visit was made by Ruben Studdard during the camp in which he answered questions from the students and gave an impromptu concert.

The Grand Finale Concert was held on Tuesday, Aug. 1, at

the Dothan Civic Center.

Seth is a ninth grader at Dauphin Junior High in Enterprise and is a member of the award winning

"Expressions" show choir.

Seth is the son of Stephen and Debbie McCollough of Victoria. He is the grandson of B. P. and Grace McCollough, and the late Jackie Parker and the late Mozelle Parker.

Bowen opens medical office in Opp

Although he lived in Maryland for the past 29 years, his accent still gives away his Southern roots. Now Dr. Robert B. Bowen

returns to the deep South to open a medical office in Opp.

Bowen, a Georgia native, brings his training and skills in obstetrics and gynecology to patients in and around Covington County

through his association with Mizell Memorial Hospital.

"We are so pleased to have a physician of Dr. Bowen's level of expertise on our active medical staff," said Dr. Wheeler A. Gunnels, medical director.

Bowen's educational training includes an undergraduate degree from Emory University in Atlanta, and a medical degree from Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. He completed an internship and residency at Riverside Hospital in Newport News, Virginia, and operated a private practice

in Maryland since 1977. Certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Bowen is excited about bringing his skills to Covington County.

"My wife and I wanted to return to the South, and Opp very much reminds me of the area where my first clinic was located. It's a natural fit for us," said

Bowen.

Joining South Alabama Women's Center, Bowen is working with Dr. Ray King during a transitional phase as King pursues a teaching position in Florida.

"I'm following a strong interest in teaching," said King. "Dr. Bowen and I are working together on call schedules, and I will continue seeing gynecological patients and performing surgeries at Mizell for at least another year."

Bowen and wife Gail have three grown children and are excited about their move to south Alabama.

"We anticipate being very happy here and I am looking forward to making a difference in obstetrics for the area. Through my career, I delivered more than 6,000 babies."

Dr. Bowen's office is located in the Mizell Memorial Hospital medical office complex at 101 E. Paulk Ave., Suite B. For more information, call 493-0427.

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RESOLUTION HONORS THE LATE JACK R. BRUNSON

Ozark Mayor Bob Brunson is shown presenting Edna Brunson with a resolution passed by the Board of Directors of The Friends of Ft. Rucker honoring the contributions of Mrs. Brunson's late husband, Jack R. Brunson, to their organization and the Association of the United States Army. Mayor Brunson said Mr. Brunson was "always there" when called upon to assist the Friends of Ft. Rucker. Mayor Brunson added that he considered Brunson to be a "great patriot" who was always supportive of Ft. Rucker. "There are not very many men like him left," said Mayor Brunson. Mr. Brunson, longtime president of The National Security Group in Elba, served on the Board of Directors for the Friends of Ft. Rucker from its inception in 1994 until his death in March of this year.

Elba Elementary School Menu

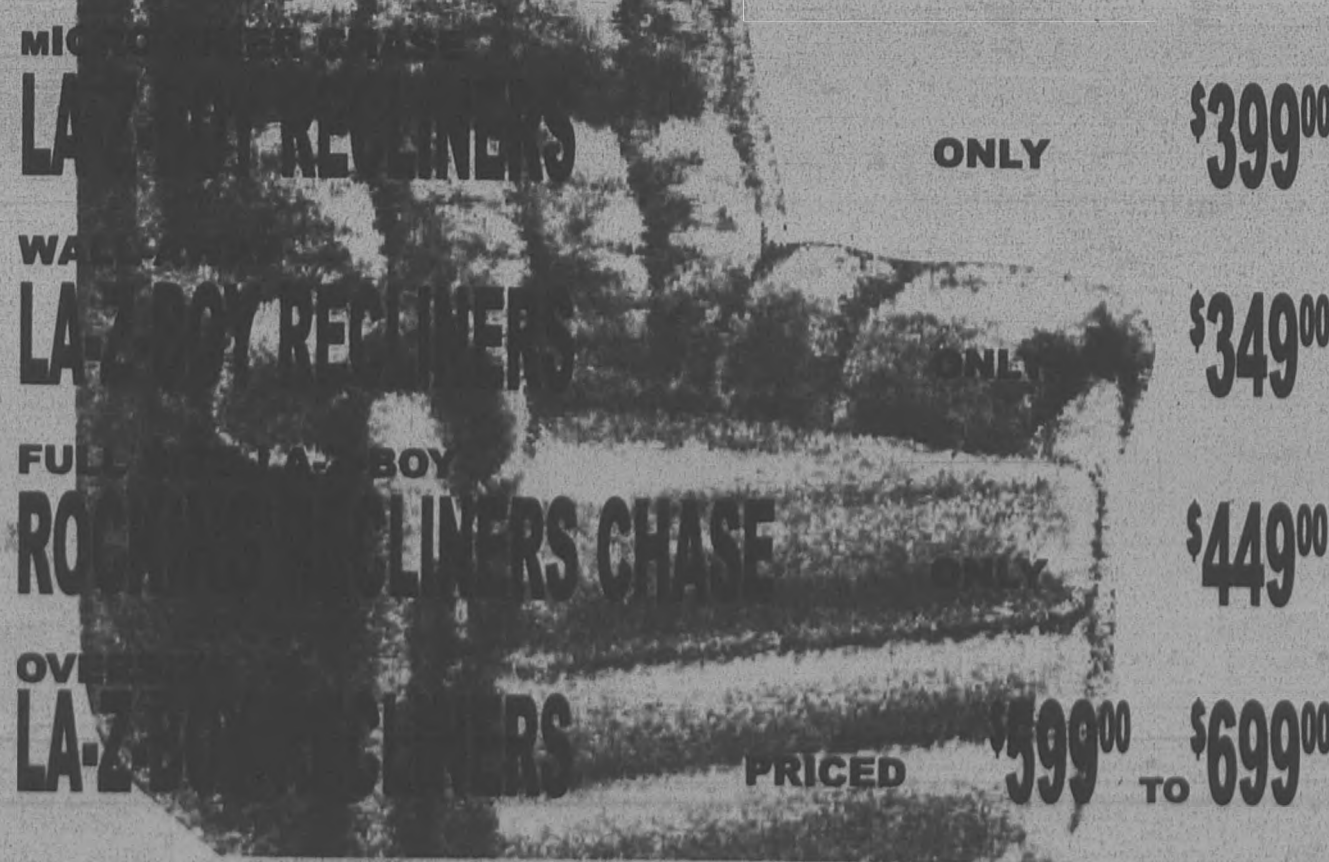
August 21-25, 2006

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Blueberry Muffin, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Sloppy Joe, New Potatoes, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Tuesday - Waffles/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Stir-Fry, Rice, Tortilla, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Wednesday - Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Pizza, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Applesauce, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit/Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Chili w/Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hoagie, Potato Wedges, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Oatmeal Cookie, Milk

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For participating in Alabama Smoke Alarm Initiative

Bullock Volunteer Fire Department receives \$3,000

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the Bullock Community Volunteer Fire Department displayed a commitment and love for their community recently as they participated in the Alabama Smoke Alarm Initiative, sponsored by the Alabama Department of Public Health.

The fire department, officially

located in Crenshaw County, received a state grant in November 2005 to increase home fire safety awareness in its fire service area (which includes a portion of Coffee County in the northwest corner) through the Smoke Alarm Initiative.

In accordance with the grant, members of the fire department went door-to-door to provide home fire safety education and to install free smoke alarms to residents serviced by the department.

During a ceremony held

Monday evening, Aug. 21, at the fire department, Amanda (Calhoun) Martin, a representative of the Alabama Department of Public Health and program coordinator, told the fire department members they had a lot to be proud of through this effort.

Martin said the department beat the deadline for completion which in turn meant an extra \$500 award.

She said the department actually had until the end of September to complete the grant requirements, but the Bullock Fire Dept. completed it's project prior to June 30th to receive the extra funds.

"You did a great job," Martin said. "The Bullock Fire Department is one of 15 fire departments in the state to do this (smoke alarm initiative). That's tremendous."

Of the 11 departments in Crenshaw County, she said the Bullock Dept. was one of only

two to ask to participate in the program. The initiative including three counties this year across the state including Crenshaw, Washington and Coosa.

The department held a kickoff for the program in March of this year prior to beginning their door-to-door visits. From that point, Martin said the members of the department visited a total of 306 homes and 173 of those homes received smoke alarms.

With some homes receiving more than one alarm, Martin said the members of the department actually installed 252 new smoke alarms. She also said about 80 percent of the homes visited did have smoke alarms present but not all were in working order.

"We've been fortunate in the areas we've been in to work with departments that care about the people in their community," Martin said. "So far we've been successful in reaching our target

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Elba's Brianna Bailey named Coffee County Junior Miss

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Seven participants from across the county vied Saturday, Aug. 12, to become the 2006-07 Coffee County Junior Miss, and at the end of the evening, Elba High School senior Brianna Lynn Bailey took home the title.

This marked the second year in a row for an Elba High School student to be named Coffee County Junior Miss. Casey Medlock, a 2006 graduate of Elba High School, turned over the title of Coffee County Junior Miss to Bailey at the end of the program.

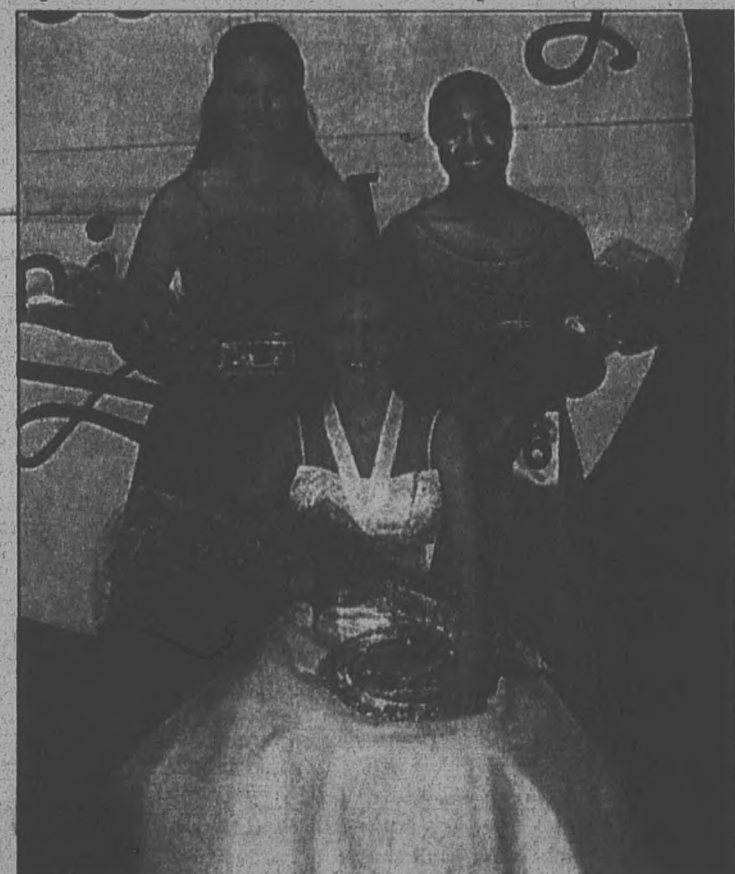
The program also proved successful for another Elba student as Lauren Alexis McClung was named second alternate. Other program participants included: Karena Brown (first alternate), Melinda Gooch, Erica Danielle Lewis and Megan Lynn Parks.

Participants competed in interview, talent, self-expression, scholastic and fitness with the winner of each category receiving scholarship money.

In being named the 2007 Coffee County Junior Miss, Bailey received the largest cash scholarship of the evening, a \$2,000 cash tuition scholarship, as well as, a \$150 gift certificate from Admiring Glances.

Talent was worth 25 percent of each participant's overall score, and the young ladies showcased an array of performances. There was singing, dancing and instrumental performances for the audience to enjoy.

Bailey was named the talent winner. She sang "Mama I'm a Big Girl Now" from the Broadway musical, "Hairspray." She also was named the self-



COFFEE COUNTY JUNIOR MISS...Brianna Lynn Bailey (seated) of Elba was named 2007 Coffee County Junior Miss during the evening of Saturday, Aug. 12. Lauren Alexis McClung (standing, left) of Elba was named second alternate and Karena Brown (standing, right) of Enterprise was named first alternate.

expression winner and received \$250 in scholarship money for both the talent and self-expression awards.

Bailey also was awarded \$450, sponsored by Enterprise Ozark Community College, in scholarship money for the interview award and being named the Spirit of Junior Miss (an award voted on by the participants). She received a total

of \$1,150 in cash tuition scholarship money.

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MEMBERS OF THE BULLOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT were all smiles Monday evening, Aug. 21, when they were presented with a \$3,000 check for participating in and completing their requirements in the Alabama Smoke Alarm Initiative, a program sponsored by the Alabama Department of Public Health. Amanda Martin (second from left), a representative of the Alabama Dept. of Public Health, is shown presenting the check to Fire Chief Louise Martin (second from right). Also shown are Scott Pilgreen (left), assistant state fire marshal, and Beverly Leverett (right), secretary/treasurer of the Bullock Community Volunteer Fire Department.

Elba City Schools meet AYP goals for 2006-07

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba City Schools superintendent Danny Weeks reported recently that the Elba City Schools, both elementary and high schools, made the AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) goals for 2006-07.

The figures are based on data from the school year 2005-06. Both schools, Elba Elementary and Elba High, met 17 out of 17 goals or 100 percent.

"We're excited both schools made 100 percent and passed

AYP," Weeks said. "Credit should be given to our faculty for all the hard work they do in helping us meet and surpass these goals. We've experienced a tremendous amount of progress academically."

Beyond his excitement regarding the AYP results, Weeks said the school system had one of the smoothest openings for a new year that he has ever experienced.

"We're off to a great start with the new year," he said. "Lots of improvements were made dur-

ing the summer."

One thing Weeks said has gotten a lot of attention since the beginning of the new school year is the new dress code policy. He said the dress code is something the school board has been concerned with for some time and has spent a lot of time working on to best suit everyone.

Weeks said it has become a statewide issue regarding what

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DOMINO TOURNAMENT FOR SENIORS...Several local senior citizens spent the majority of their day last Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Pine Level Senior Citizens Center participating in a domino tournament. Center director Mary Donaldson said the seniors play dominoes quite frequently at the center during the week, and the tournament is held once a year. While the game required their concentration, the seniors did not let it keep them from telling stories and enjoying one another's company. Donaldson said the event is just one example of the many activities made available to seniors at the centers.

To Serve and Protect: Meet the Elba Police

In a career spanning more than three decades, Officer Charles H. Driggers Jr. continues to serve and protect working as a patrolman with the Elba Police Department.

Officer Driggers has a total of 34 years in law enforcement and has been employed in Elba for six years. During his career, he also has served 18 years with the New Brockton Police Department and 10 years with the Enterprise Police Department.

Officer Driggers said his most memorable experience as a police officer was graduating from the police academy in 1971, especially considering he chose law enforcement as a career to, "follow in my father's footsteps."

Besides being a graduate of the Alabama State Police Academy, Officer Driggers has attended numerous other schools during his career.

In his spare time, Officer Driggers said he enjoys fishing



Officer Charles H. Driggers Jr.

and spending time with his family. He is married to Rhonda Driggers and is the father of two sons, Charlie

Driggers and Chris Lamb, and one daughter, Casie Lamb. He also is the son of Mary Driggers.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Tom Corts was named chancellor of Alabama's scandal-plagued two-year college system and officially took office on August 15th. He had recently retired after serving a total of 22 years as president of Samford University. We have known Dr. Corts for several years and admire his straight arrow and factual approach. His career leading Samford is remembered as one with incredible credibility. If anyone can shore up the public perception of Alabama's two-year college system, it will be Corts. In fact if he accomplishes this seemingly impossible task, it would not hurt to hand him the reins of several more of Alabama's corruption-riddled tax supported messes. On the down side, we shouldn't expect miracles, even from this man. Those who know him remember his efforts to interest the people of Alabama in rewriting the 1901 state constitution. That effort fell on deaf ears.

Dr. John Morrow lost his battle with cancer recently. This past weekend we were resting from some hot work in the yard and our thoughts rambled to good people like John. We were never in one of his college English classes (but could sure have used the learning!) We got to know him on his visits to Elba and the little notes he added with his annual Elba Clipper renewal checks. Everywhere we have seen his name associated with higher education, the references were positive. What better could a person ask.

As we lay stretched out on the grass and cooled some from the yard work the thoughts then went to E. C. Nevins who also died recently. We knew him for longer, having first been in awe of him as a teenager and when he was still at Kinston High School (fear might be a better description). We had a teen age daughter. As we matured the fear disappeared but the awe and respect grew. Whenever he spoke his words were well thought out, and in our opinion it was always the gospel. At this moment, while writing this column, we just paused to fondly remember his last time to stop by the office of The Elba Clipper... just to visit. He and Miss Gladys had been to Montgomery, or somewhere, and there was some subject on his mind that warranted a stop with us. It would be hard to describe just how much of an honor we felt it was any time they would sit down in our office for another of those much-to-achieve informal chat-chats. It didn't hurt our feelings at all when he would find a way to compliment something we had done or written. But that was Mr. Claude Nevins.

One of the great pluses about having been around for all these many years is the ever growing list of these and the many others we are blessed to know, or have known. They are the people who have contributed immensely to our cherished memories and ongoing enjoyment of a wonderful life. These personalities continue to win our hearts and fill our brain with great thoughts and fresh ideas, just by being "real people". The downside is the void left when one of these outstanding individuals dies or just moves away. In spite of loss of human lives, memories they have created will live with us always.

EDITORIAL

Drilling will produce revenue for Alabama and energy for the nation

By: Senator Richard Shelby

We notice it everywhere—from the increased cost of everyday goods and services, to the pain we feel at the pump, to the steady increase in our monthly gas bills, rising energy prices are significantly changing our lives.

More importantly, because we have failed as a nation to tap energy resources in our own backyards, we are dependent upon foreign sources to meet our domestic energy needs. While there is no silver bullet that will immediately solve our current energy crisis, there are immediate steps we can and must take to alleviate some of the problem.

If we continue down our current path, North America's petroleum imports from the Persian Gulf will increase by more than 40 percent in the next 25 years. I have said many times that only an increased domestic capacity to meet our energy demands, coupled with research in alternative energy sources and expanded use of nuclear power, will allow us to distance ourselves economically from politically volatile, rich nations and improve our industrial competitiveness.

For this reason, I am proud to announce that legislation I help craft along with Senator Sessions and the other Gulf Coast Senators recently garnered the approval of the full Senate. This legislation will open an additional 8.3 million acres in the Gulf of Mexico, known as Lease 181, and the area south of Lease 181 for exploration and production of oil and gas. In turn, this increased supply of domestic oil and gas will play a role in reducing our dependency on foreign oil and gas, and will serve as a stabilizing force in world energy markets. In short, opening these areas to leasing translates into an estimated 1.26 billion barrels of oil and 5.8 trillion cubic feet of natural gas—enough natural gas to heat and cool nearly 6 million American homes for 15 years.

The benefit to our state and region will be enormous as well. Alabama and the other Gulf States will receive 37.5 percent of the revenue produced by the drilling. For too long, Gulf States have sacrificed and contributed to our nation's domestic energy supply without receiving an equivalent compensation. As such, I believe it is important that Alabamians begin to benefit from our continued participation in reducing our nation's dependence on foreign sources of energy.

Revenues returned to the state will allow Alabama to take important steps toward preparing citizens throughout the state for hurricanes and other severe weather events as well as address many other important needs within the state. For many years, the State of Alabama has dedicated significant funds from the royalties of oil and gas production in state waters to secure land from well-sellers for the good of the citizens of Alabama. The Forever Wild program has been a successful example of working with land owners to preserve important tracks of property for future public uses such as hiking, hunting, and fishing. This legislation will expand Alabama's ability to protect unique areas, restore our damaged coastlines, and prepare the state for the inevitable hurricanes of the future.

The revenues from leasing will also allow the state to take important steps to improve our infrastructure for the good of our coastal citizens. The state will make improvements to our transportation infrastructure to protect it from potential damage and ensure that evacuation routes are in place and capable of moving people safely and efficiently during a disaster. This funding will also allow for the development of facilities to house and protect Alabamians who are unable to evacuate during a storm.

While opening Lease 181 and its southern counterpart represents an important first step toward increasing our domestic energy supply, I firmly believe we must work to reduce our long-term reliance on foreign oil by encouraging exploration and production of oil elsewhere in the United States. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) has the potential to play another significant role in reducing our dependence on foreign oil. As we in the Gulf States will not be the only Americans to benefit from the energy sources we produce, I believe we should not be alone in carrying the burden of production. I also believe we must work to

diversify our nation's energy supply by continuing to invest in alternative sources of energy, such as hydrogen, ethanol, bio-fuels, clean coal and nuclear power. Such continued focus and investment will lead us farther down the path of energy independence and ultimately serve to bolster our economic and national security.

Our current energy crisis is a complex problem that will require proactive and innovative solutions. Such solutions are necessary to secure America's long-term viability. In the short-term, however, I am encouraged that the Senate took a pragmatic step this week to increase our nation's oil and gas supply. Rest assured that I will continue to work with my colleagues to move America closer to energy independence.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve you in the U.S. Senate and I thank you for allowing me to continue to do so.

MARY H. BRYANT
Mrs. Mary H. Bryant, age 69, of Maryville, Tenn., died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006 at BMH Maryville/Blount Co. Hospital in Maryville.

Funeral services were held Aug. 19, 2006 at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Billy Ray Kilcrease officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, Ala., with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three sons: Willie Steve Suley and Frankie Joe Bryant, both of Frostproof, Fla.; Lewis Jerome Bryant, Maryville; one daughter, Mary Laverne Hendricks, Maryville; two sisters: Nonie Adell Wilcox, Frostproof; Marybell Hicks, Troy, Ala.; one brother: George E. Holland, Owasso;

ALBANY
Mrs. Mildred Ellafair Hudson, age 83, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006 at Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Aug. 18, 2006 at Center Ridge United Methodist Church with Reverend Ray Stinson officiating. Burial followed at Center Ridge Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Hudson; sisters, Magdalen McCollough, Maude Grimes and Zeatrice Johnson; and a brother, James Irey Boutwell.

Survivors include two sisters: Pettie Lee Wambles Jack, Ala.; Willie Pearl Randle, Phenix City, Ala.; two brothers: R.C. Boutwell, Troy, Ala.; R.P. Boutwell, Panama City, Fla.; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

MAZIE KIDD SILAS
Mrs. Mazie Kidd Silas, age 76, of Dover, Fla., died at the home of her daughter in Plant City, Fla. on August 13, 2006. Funeral services were held August 16, 2006 at Shiloh Baptist Church in Plant City, Fla. Burial followed in Bushnell Cemetery with Wells Memorial Funeral Home of Plant City, Florida directing.

Survivors include her daughter, Terri (Charles) Smith; her son, Gary (Mary Ellen) Silas; 2 grandsons, Gary and Josh Silas and many relatives and friends in Florida and Alabama.

ELZADIE SIMPLER SHARPE
Mrs. Elzadie Simpler Sharpe, age 89 of Lagrange, Ga., formerly of Elba, Ala., died August 18, 2006 in Lagrange. Mrs. Sharpe was a resident of The Brian Center of Lagrange.

Graveside services were held at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery Sunday, August 20, 2006 at 2:00 PM with Rev. Alvin L. Davis officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Gilead Church Cemetery Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include two nieces: Joyce Sneed of Seale, AL; Bobby Jean Lot and Sherri Cooper, both of Lagrange. Wendy Sagon of Lake Mary, FL; and Debra Delynn Whitman of Opelika, AL; five great nieces, Joyce Sneed of Seale, AL; Bobby Jean Lot and Sherri Cooper, both of Lagrange. Wendy Sagon of Lake Mary, FL; and Debra Delynn Whitman of Opelika, AL; two great nephews, Alvin Davis, Jr. of Opelika and Victor Cooper of Lagrange.

Mrs. Sharpe was preceded in death by her husband, George Sharpe; mother, Lella Simpler; father, Tom Simpler; 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

HOMER C. COLEMAN
Homer C. Coleman of Elba, Ala., died on August 13, 2006. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 17, 2006 at 3 p.m. at the Elba Family Cemetery, Elba, AL with Rev. Freddie L. Flowers officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Ocie Pearl Cook-Phillips of Elba; two sons, Jonathan (Jackie) Daniels, Lake Wales, Florida and Kelly O'Neal Phillips, Clio, AL; three grandchildren, all daughters, Jessica Daniels, and Jennifer Daniels all of Florida; three great-grand-

Obituaries

JAMES EDWARD MILLER
Mr. James Edward Miller, age 65, of Enterprise, Ala., died Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006 at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Graveside services were held Aug. 18, 2006 at Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery. Burial followed in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter: Beverly Ann Jackson, Fort Campbell, Ky.; his mother: Lillie Mae Miller, Dothan, Ala.; his brother: Louie Miller, and sister: Ruth Wilkerson, both of Enterprise; and two grandchildren.

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LIFESTYLES

Doctor and Mrs. Kenneth DuPont Strong
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Elizabeth
to
Mr. Taylor Clark Powell
on Saturday, the twenty-sixth of August
Two thousand and six
at six o'clock in the evening
First Baptist Church
Elba, Alabama
and afterwards at the reception
Aviators' Landing
Fort Rucker, Alabama

* All guests must have photo identification to enter Fort Rucker.
Drivers must have vehicle registration and proof of insurance.

NEW ARRIVAL

AUSTIN KIEFF JORDAN



Austin Kieff Jordan

David and Laura Jordan of Jack, Ala., announce the birth of their son, Austin Kieff Jordan. Austin was born June 9, 2006 at 2:46 p.m. at Troy Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Austin's grandparents are Kieff and Jane Lambert of Jack and Dennis and Charlene Jordan of Cullman, Ala. His great-grandparents are Johnnie and Maxine Boyd of Pensacola, Fla.; Vera Mae Harrison of Logan, Ala.; and Thelma L. Jordan of Cullman.

Engagement party honors Miss Scarborough & Mr. McRae

Mr. and Mrs. Kris Scarborough honored their daughter and her future groom, Miss Anna Scarborough and Mr. Charles McRae, with an engagement party on the evening of August 19, 2006.

The Scarborough home on Taylor Mill Road was the setting for the lovely event. Many neighbors, friends, and relatives gathered in the backyard around the pool, which was surrounded by festive tiki torches. Guests enjoyed a variety of hors d'oeuvres before a delicious country buffet consisting of salad, baked beans, barbecue, and ribs, a specialty of Mr. and Mrs. Regan Baker. Old-fashioned pound cake and chocolate delight topped off the Southern meal. Special guests included parents of the future groom, Mr. and Mrs. Finley McRae. Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Scarborough with serving were Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Scarborough, aunt and uncle of the future bride.

The cost is \$90.00 per couple. (Couples only please.) Class size is limited to register early! For more information or to register, please call (334) 347-2623, ext. 2336.

October 30, from 7 until 9 p.m.

Latin Dancing classes offered at EOCC

The Enterprise Campus of Enterprise-Ozark Community College will be offering Latin Dancing classes on Mondays for eight weeks beginning September 11 and ending October 30, from 7 until 9 p.m.

Bradley's Florist & Gift Bridal Registry
Elizabeth Strong & Taylor Powell
Bonnie Vaughan & Jamey Halpin
Anna Scarborough & Charles McRae
Kimberly Jordan & Warren Giles
Malory Bedsole & Justin Prescott

Offerings:
• Crystal stemware
• China • Flatware
897-3422

Millie Galloway is 95!!!

Millie Galloway celebrated her 95th birthday Monday, August 21. She was born in 1911 in Goshen, AL, and graduated from Goshen High School in 1930.

When asked to what she attributed her longevity, she replied, "Hard work, humor and loving the Lord for His goodness." She is the oldest member of St. John Baptist Church in Pike County.

She and her husband, Byron, moved to the Chestnut Grove Community in 1939. She was a homemaker and bookkeeper for the dirt-moving business he operated for many years. He served as a Coffee County Commissioner from 1965 to 1977. They were married for 73 years before he passed away in 2004.

The Galloways had two children, of which one was Billy Galloway, deceased, 2000. Her daughter, Peggy Galloway Matthews and her husband, Rev. Clifford Matthews, also live in Chestnut Grove.

Her grandchildren, Paul Matthews of Daphne, AL and Wanda Matthews Lucas of Huntsville, AL have brought her seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Akridge and Miss Dye united in marriage at Ino Baptist Church on April 22

The marriage ceremony uniting Miss Bethany Lynn Dye and Mr. Gunter Wayne Akridge was celebrated April 22, 2006, at 2:00 in the afternoon at Ino Baptist Church in Kinston, Ala.

Dr. Tony Dye, father of the bride and pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in New Brockton, and Bro. Garry Winstead, pastor of Ino Baptist Church, officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Tony Dye of Elba. She is the granddaughter of the Mrs. Merlene and the late Mr. Alton Bailey of Brantley, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Dye of Dothan.

The groom is the son of Mr. Wayne Akridge and Mrs. Gwen Mullinax. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Durrell Galtimore, and Mrs. Nettie and the late Mr. RA Akridge, all of Elba.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white satin and Alencon lace. The spaghetti strap bodice featured a neckline accented with vertical beadwork and a Basque waistline. The pleated ball gown skirt was hemmed with beaded Alencon lace and flowed into a carriage back semi-cathedral train. The bride's fingertip veil was trimmed with a matching cord of white satin. She carried a nosegay of white roses and stephanotis.

The bride was attended by Miss Amy Kirkland of Elba; Mrs. Jennifer Evans of Prattville; Mrs. Laura Bonner of Prattville; Miss Lola Nettles of Mobile; Miss Courtney Bailey of Brantley, cousin of the bride; Miss Nicki Bailey of Brantley, cousin of the bride; and Miss Sarah Leach of Prattville.

Bridal attendants wore strapless gowns of alternating brick and gold satin. The two-piece gowns featured full A-line floor length skirts and a shirring accented with silk-embroidered buttons. They carried nosegays of peach, gold and cream roses.

Miss Claudia Harris of Prattville, cousin of the groom, was the flower girl. She wore a white organza and satin dress accented with silk-embroidered flowers and pearls, and a halo of pearls and white satin flowers. She carried peach and gold rose petals in a dainty white satin basket accented with matching pearls and white satin flowers.

The groom was attended by Mr. Wayne Akridge of Elba, father of the groom; Mr. Jack Mullinax of Elba, stepfather of the groom; Mr. Benjamin Dye of Elba, brother of the bride; Mr. Gerald Simmons, cousin of the groom, provided ceremony and reception music. The repertoire included piano and organ arrangements of the couple's favorite songs, as well as various hymns and traditional classical pieces. Soloist Christopher Saxson sang "The Other Side of Me," by Michael W. Smith during the lighting of the unity candle.

After the couple were pronounced husband and wife, a reception, served at the Ino Baptist Church's family life center, which was decorated with white fluted columns, flowing tulle and lush ferns. An arrangement of snapdragons, larkspur, roses, carnations and gerbera daisies adorned a table at the entrance of the family life center. Candles surrounded vases of peach, gold and cream roses on alternating guest tables, and glass bowls held floating candles and rose petals.

After honeymooning in Savannah, Ga., the couple now resides in Andalusia.



Mr. & Mrs. Gunter Wayne Akridge

memory of the couple's late grandfathers.

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SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mulars, Sports Editor

Melissa is now back at college for her senior year, and since she left last weekend the house seems a little more quiet and I have once again lost the ability to call her on the cell phone and tell her it's time to come home. Other changes will include fewer dirty dishes in the sink, less traffic in the laundry room, a cutback in groceries and no more loud disagreements between her and her sister. I have a feeling it is going to take Dad a little while to get back adjusted to not having his family all under one roof every night when I lay my head down on the pillow.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The high school football season will kick off unofficially this week with a number of preseason games scheduled all across the state. Here in Elba, the Elba Tigers will make their annual trek back down to Miller Memorial Stadium for the sixth annual Foggy Bottom Classic and will battle the Geneva County Bulldogs. The Tigers are 5-0 at Miller in the preseason contests, but this season will field one of their youngest teams. The team may very well be in jeopardy. The Tigers appear solid up front and should be physical at the line of scrimmage. However, they lack size all across the backfield and at receiver, and when you combine that with their lack of experience, the Tigers may have their hands full with the Bulldogs from Hartford.

The teams in the area are also ready to buckle their chin straps and hit somebody, and like Elba will hit the field this week for a preseason contest. The New Brockton Gamecocks have a good mix of size and speed and may be better than many folks think, while the Kinston Bulldogs should be much improved and may very well be a team that sneaks in with a winning record. The Zion Chapel Rebels have now established a personality on the gridiron and are back and ready to butt heads with any and all challengers, while the Brantley Bulldogs are loaded, again, and with a little luck could be even better than they were a year ago. This week's preseason games will answer some questions. However, the first real test will come the following Friday and by then they better have an answer for everything that happens.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers swing into action this week in volleyball and new coach Amanda Martin will lead her ladies into battle in Geneva and then in the annual Kinston Tip-Off Tournament. The Lady Tigers have advanced to the regional tournament the past two years and have made big strides in the sport, but this season aren't saddled with high expectations and will be able to just hit the court and have some fun. I could miss my guess. However, I look for the team to continue to be successful and improve each and every week as the season rolls along.

*** With the college football season just around the corner I have begun reading articles in newspapers and on the net about Alabama, Auburn and Troy. One thing I have noticed is that when I read about Alabama and Troy the story is always about practice and players. When I read about Auburn there is always a picture of Tommy Tuberville next to the story and all the article is about is what the coach thinks about the game. It seems to me that at Tuscaloosa and Troy the team is still the star of the show, while up on the plains Tommy always comes first.

*** I have been keeping my eye on the Atlanta Braves in recent weeks and now have a feeling the Braves may very well make the post-season as a wild card team. The Braves cut the deficit in the wild card race to four and one-half games over the weekend, and if John Smoltz and Tim Lincecum can stay hot, the Braves should have more than enough hitting to at least make things interesting in the month of September.

*** The teams in the youth football league in Elba has been busy for the past few weeks getting ready for their season opener on Sept. 9, and this year over 80 boys and 40 girls ages 6-12 have been working three days a week to get ready. The football teams all have excellent coaches and should be very competitive, while the cheerleaders are all excited about the season and are also working hard in the hot afternoon sun to learn the cheers they will use on Saturday nights. Here in Elba football season is really for boys and girls of all ages.

*** In closing... my Auburn buddy is still hot about the change in the "Tiger Walk" prior to the Auburn home games and feels like Tuberville thinks as long as the rich alumni don't care the rest of the fans don't matter. If this is true, the folks up on the plains are making a huge mistake. While the wealthy fans are able to sit behind the glass and entertain at the games, it is the working class fans that buy the rest of the tickets and fill the stands even when the Tigers play teams that have no chance of winning. I am not an Auburn fan and could care less where the players walk before a game. However, if the Auburn faithful want to shake hands and give high fives with the players, the people that make the rules should listen before the roar gets too loud. It seems to me it is the folks in the stands that yell "War Eagle" the loudest!

In 6th annual Foggy Bottom Classic

Elba Tigers make return trip to Miller Memorial Friday night for battle against Geneva County

The Elba Tigers will make their annual visit to Miller Memorial Stadium on Friday night, Aug. 25, when they host the Geneva County Bulldogs in the sixth annual Foggy Bottom Classic.

The preseason contest will consist of one quarter of junior high action and three quarters of varsity play, with regular season rules to be in effect.

"Our goal will be to play a lot of players and build depth at all positions," stated Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "Over half the players on our roster have never competed on the varsity level and we need to get them on the field and see what they have learned, and what they can do. We will take a good look at the starters and try to establish our base offense and defense. However, everyone dressed out will get to play and will get the chance to show what they can do on the field in a real game atmosphere."

"We have only three starters back on offense from a year ago," said Coach Rials, "but we will try to mix in a lot of stuff and see just where we are. We won't use all of our formations or packages, but we will be aggressive on offense and try to use our speed and quickness to move the ball and put points on the scoreboard. Over on defense we are all excited and expect to see a different mentality. The defense will be real young and will have to get experience on the field. However, Coach Free has the defense fired up and ready to go and we are all looking forward to seeing it on the field."

"This group of young men have been a real pleasure to work with," added Coach Rials. "We have only 31 varsity players, which includes a couple of ninth graders, but they have all worked hard throughout the summer and are dedicated to doing their best every time they hit the field for practice, and games. We have done a lot of teaching in preseason workouts and have done a lot of individual work with players in their positions. We have made an effort to make the practices very physical and have been preaching to the players to be physical on both sides of the ball and to give 100% on every play and not to stop until the whistle blows. With only three starters back on offense and four back on defense there may be times we struggle or make mistakes. However, the players have worked hard in practice and if they make mistakes they will make them going full speed and not because of a lack of effort."

"Every team that wins in high school sports is fundamentally sound and we are working hard to be sound in all areas," stated Rials, in his third year at the Elba helm. "We've got some new coaches, new players and a



Elba Tiger linemen work on fundamentals at a recent practice under the watchful eyes of assistant coaches Tim Brown and Mickey Jacobs. The Tigers will hit the field Friday night against the Geneva County Bulldogs in the sixth annual Foggy Bottom Classic, at Miller Memorial Stadium. Kick off for the game is 7:00 PM. (Photo by Mike Capps)



Elba Tiger senior lineman Chase Boutwell works at practice on technique. Boutwell and the Tigers will compete in preseason action Friday night against Geneva County. (Photo by Mike Capps)

whole new attitude here at Elba High, and the team made more strides this summer than any team I have had in years. The players are all getting bigger, faster and stronger, and it shows in their confidence on and off the field. This team has done everything we as coaches have asked and we are all optimistic that we will be able to surprise some folks and make some noise in 3A football."

"If we have a strength it would be our overall attitude and work ethic," added Rials. "This group has grown close over the summer working out together and will have a oneness that winning teams have to have. Another strong point on offense will be the line. This bunch has been together for a few years and knows what we expect of them. We have pretty good size and strength up front and that will be a plus as our young backs gain experience. If we have a weakness it would be our lack of experience. This may be the youngest team I have ever coached and many of the youngsters will be starters in key positions. We have a few ninth graders that may start, and they will just have to step up and learn as they go. It may take a few games to get settled into our offense and be able to sustain drives, but we will go out and give the players a winning game plan and see what happens."

When asked about Geneva County, Coach Rials stated "We look for Geneva County to come up here Friday night and approach the game as the biggest game on its schedule. Geneva County has struggled over the past two seasons, but has a rich football tradition and will return a lot of players that are hungry to win. Their schedule is very favorable early on

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SPORTS

Jerry Hudson wins Roadrunner

Bubba Gale continues dominance in O'Reilly Super Truck Series

By Mark Chisum

Bubba Gale has dominated the O'Reilly Super Truck Series in 2006. He continued that domination when the series visited South Alabama Speedway Saturday night, August 12th, taking the win in the 100-lap event.

Gale set fast time in qualifying, turning the 4/10ths mile oval in 17.968 seconds. His four on the inversion dice put John Shuffler on the pole, but had little effect on the outcome of the race. The race got off to a rough start as Shuffler didn't come up to speed and was tagged from behind and spun. The field stacked up behind the pole sitter, the resulting wreck ending the night for the pole sitter and Mike Woodson. Local driver Tim Peters also received damage, but was able to continue minus his front end body work.

On the second start, new pole sitter Josh Adkins took the lead as the field headed into turn one. Okie Mason followed Adkins for two laps before taking the point on the third circuit. Mason's lead was short-lived, however, as Gale charged into the lead on lap four. The race was red-flagged on lap 17 when rain moved into the area. After the rains moved on, the track was dried and racing resumed.

A sixty lap green period followed the delay. Gale was able to maintain his lead during the period. Adkins was able to keep Gale close, pulling close as they encountered slower traffic, but was never able to mount a challenge for the top spot. There were two caution periods during the last 25 laps, but each time,

Kerry Hudson took advantage of John Singletary's misfortune. Singletary took the early lead and had pulled away from the pack. Singletary was running comfortably out front when his left rear wheel decided to take the rest of the race off, ending Singletary's night also. Hudson took over the lead and led the rest of the way to take the win.

Lee Phillips led flag to flag to take the Coyote Feature win. Chris Salter chased Phillips all race to finish second.

Ken Younce Sr. led every lap to win the CupLite Feature. Chris Lucas was second with

Karl Williams third, Ken Younce Jr. fourth, and Greg Adams fifth.

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O'Reilly Super Truck 100

1. Bubba Gale
2. Josh Adkins
3. Okie Mason
4. Scott Davis
5. Jeff Wainwright

Super Stock

1. Heath Mills
2. Todd Blackburn
3. Buddy Pitts
4. Jody Henderson
5. Ken Pettis

DNS Will Mack, David Ashley

Vintage

1. Kip Whitehead
2. Darrell Rudd
3. Teddy Sasser
4. Clint Boggs
5. Duane Bates

Roadrunner

1. Jerry Hudson
2. Charles Gardner
3. Billy Maxie
4. Chris Salter
5. Jimmy Smith

Coyote

1. Lee Phillips
2. Chris Salter
3. Todd Prescott

Zion Chapel's

Keri Hobbs signs pact with EOCC

By Ricky Adams

One of Enterprise-Ozark Community College's 2006 softball signees has both the name and bloodline to become a top collegiate player.

Keri Hobbs, no kin to the Barnard Malamud character, Roy Hobbs, played by Robert Redford in "The Natural," is an incoming freshman outfielder whose late father, Randy, was on the verge of a professional baseball career when he died while his wife was pregnant with the new Lady Boll Weevil.

"Of course, she never knew her dad but her uncles and I have all told Keri what a good player he was," a smiling Joan Hobbs said of the possible source of daughter Keri's athleticism.

"Keri has worked hard for this and she is the first girl from Zion Chapel High School in a long time (possibly ever) to sign a softball scholarship," explained ZCHS coach Harry Lees. "She was part of our first fast-pitch softball team. She's been a leader on the team for three years and now she's reached one of her goals and I'm proud to see her meet it."

Signing a college softball scholarship is a high point in Hobbs' life, playing at EOCC makes it even more special as it will help prepare her for her life's work.

"EOCC is close to home and it had friendly people," Hobbs said. "I plan to coach softball and teach English."

"I am a hard worker with great competitiveness. I am a team player who loves to win. Sports mean everything to me I describe myself as very athletic. I will play any sport with anyone. I thrive on competition and couldn't imagine having to quit sports after high school."

A three-sport athlete at Zion Chapel, Hobbs earned the volleyball "Hustle Award," the basketball "Defensive Player" award, and the softball "Offensive" award. She was honorable mention All-State.

"Keri is an excellent outfielder that will help the EOCC softball team maintain long-term stability for the outfield as the present outstanding sophomore outfielders move on next year," EOCC coach King Jones.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL
Lady Tiger Volleyball
2006 Schedule

Aug. 24	Geneva/Enterprise (Tri)	V	Geneva	4:00
Aug. 26	Kinston Tournament	V	Kinston	9:00
Aug. 28	Straughn	JV	Home	4:00
Aug. 29	Opp	JR-JV-V	Away	4:00
Aug. 31	New Brockton	JR-JV-V	Away	4:00
Sept. 5	Pike County	V	Away	4:00
Sept. 7	Zion Chapel	JR-JV-V	Away	4:00
Sept. 9	Andalusia Tournament	V	Andalusia	TBA
Sept. 11	Geneva	V	Home	4:00
Sept. 14	Providence	JR-JV-V	Away	4:00
Sept. 19	Andalusia	JR-JV-V	Home	4:00
Sept. 21	Pike County	JV-V	Home	4:00
Sept. 25	Straughn	JR-JV	Away	4:00
Sept. 26	Providence	JR-JV-V	Home	4:00
Sept. 28	New Brockton	JV-V	Home	4:00
Sept. 29-30	Providence Tournament	V	Dothan	TBA
Oct. 2	Samson	JV-V	Home	4:00
Oct. 3	Zion Chapel	JR-JV-V	Home	4:00
Oct. 5	Samson	JV-V	Away	4:00
Oct. 7	Elba Tournament	V	Elba	TBA
Oct. 12	Opp	JR-JV-V	Home	4:00
Oct. 16	Area Tournament	V	Elba	TBA
Oct. 21	Regional Tournament	V	TBA	TBA
Oct. 26	Sub-State	V	TBA	TBA

Coach: Amanda Martin

Tree workshop set for Saturday, Aug. 26 in Dothan

The Alabama Forest Learning Tree Workshop will be held Saturday, Aug. 26, at Landmark Park in Dothan, Ala.

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Ashton Rodriguez
& Clara Burrows



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS (by Michael Hall)...On Monday, Aug. 7, the Junior Class at Elba High School elected class officers. The officers will have a difficult task ahead this year. They have to help put together the Jr./Sr. prom. This year's officers are: Trey Martin (president), Brittany Phillips (vice-president), Ashley Carpenter (secretary) and Justin Hammonds (treasurer). These students are sure to lead their class through a great year.

Faculty Spotlight

by Brittany Phillips
This week's teacher spotlight focuses on **Kizzy K. Lovelace**. Miss Lovelace is the daughter of David and Linda Lovelace. She has one sister, Tammy D. Lovelace of Huntsville, Ala. Miss Lovelace currently is a language arts teacher at Elba High School. She is a graduate of Alabama A&M University. This is Miss Lovelace's fourth year teaching. Before coming to Elba, she taught at Enterprise High School.

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Elba High School meets "Adequate Yearly Progress" goals

by Tierney Starks

AYP is the acronym for "Adequate Yearly Progress," which is a part of NCLB. NCLB is the acronym for "No Child Left Behind." NCLB is the act that gives schools historic educational reform based on Stronger Accountability for Results, More Freedom for States and Communities. Encouraging Proven Education Methods and More Choices for Parents. NCLB uses the term AYP to describe whether a school system has met its annual accountability goals.

AYP is, "what the school or school system did this year." Three factors are considered in determining AYP. These factors are:

1. Participation rate, annual measurable objectives in reading and mathematics and additional academic indicators.

Elba High School had to meet 17 goals in order to make AYP for 05-06. All 17 of the 17 goals were met meaning Elba High School met or surpassed its annual goals.

Most importantly, EHS is not in any danger of being in "school improvement" which is where the State Department of Education sends representatives to assist in school operations. EHS is striving to ensure that "no child is left behind." With its drop out rate decreasing, and the graduation rate and attendance rate increasing, students at Elba High are succeeding.

Senior portraits taken during summer

by Clara Burrows

The upcoming 2006-2007 seniors were excited as they gathered their clothes for their first event as seniors of the school.

The seniors had received information about their upcoming senior portraits and were excited but also very nervous. They spent many days before trying to figure out what to wear and what not to wear before choosing the best outfits for their pictures.

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EHS seniors meet with Balfour representative

by Christina Bryant

On Thursday, Aug. 10, Seniors at Elba High School met with Balfour representative Rusty Parker to receive information about graduation supplies.

Parker unveiled the one of a kind Elba High School Class of 2007 graduation invitation design to the Senior Class. He then distributed packets filled with information concerning the costs of graduation accessories.

Seniors were very excited to embark on their second step of the long awaited journey to graduating.

Class ring ceremony held for Juniors

by Erica Daniels

On Thursday, Aug. 10, the juniors held their class ring ceremony at Elba High School. Rusty Parker and Principal Johnny Dunn presented each student with his or her class ring. Once everyone received his or her ring, the class members

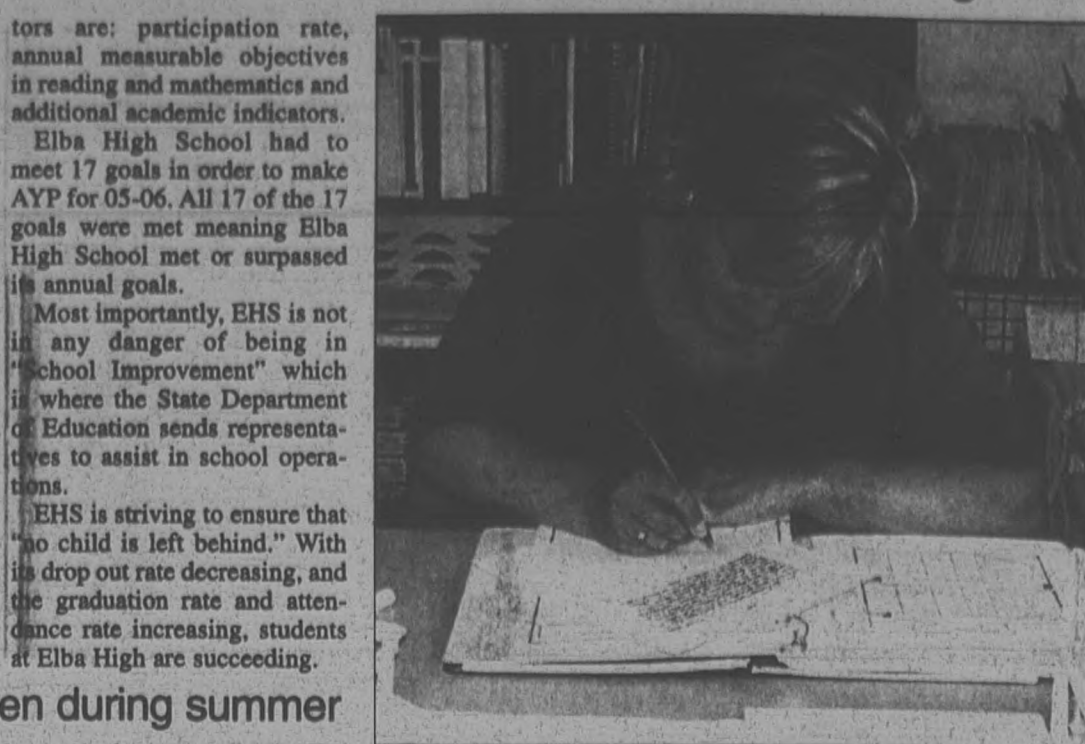
opened the ring boxes as a class. All of the juniors conversed and showed off their class rings to each other. They also turned each other's class ring and signed autographs in their class ring memory books.

The class ring ceremony was concluded by the groups being served.

This week's student spotlight is **Rashad Bilal**. Rashad is 18-years-old and a senior at Elba High School. He is the son of Abdel and Falisha Bilal.

Rashad's activities include writing songs with friends and playing basketball. His hobbies include working at the Elba Marketplace and spending time with family and friends.

Rashad's future plans after graduation are to attend Troy University and hopefully become a music artist. Rashad said he would describe himself as easy to get along with others, willing to help others, friendly and cool.



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Parker unveiled the one of a kind Elba High School Class of 2007 graduation invitation design to the Senior Class. He then distributed packets filled with information concerning the costs of graduation accessories.

Seniors were very excited to embark on their second step of the long awaited journey to graduating.

Class ring ceremony held for Juniors

by Erica Daniels

On Thursday, Aug. 10, the juniors held their class ring ceremony at Elba High School. Rusty Parker and Principal Johnny Dunn presented each student with his or her class ring. Once everyone received his or her ring, the class members

opened the ring boxes as a class. All of the juniors conversed and showed off their class rings to each other. They also turned each other's class ring and signed autographs in their class ring memory books.

The class ring ceremony was concluded by the groups being served.

This week's student spotlight is **Rashad Bilal**. Rashad is 18-years-old and a senior at Elba High School. He is the son of Abdel and Falisha Bilal.

Rashad's activities include writing songs with friends and playing basketball. His hobbies include working at the Elba Marketplace and spending time with family and friends.

Rashad's future plans after graduation are to attend Troy University and hopefully become a music artist. Rashad said he would describe himself as easy to get along with others, willing to help others, friendly and cool.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



(L to R) Chase Boutwell, Melanie Mularz, Richard Kindred, Jason Johnson and Brianna Bailey are pictured with trophies they received for participating in AEC's Youth Tour competition.

Brianna Bailey selected as EHS Youth Tour winner

Brianna Bailey, daughter of Greg and Vickie Bailey, was selected as the Alabama Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AEC) Youth Tour winner from Elba High School (EHS). Bailey represented AEC on the Washington Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. June 10-15.

Bailey, a senior at EHS, is drum major of the EHS Marching Tiger Band and has won Best in Class for two consecutive years, as well as the Mallory Award for Drum Major. Bailey is also active in the Senior Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Student Council Association, EHS Ambassadors and Future Farmers of America (FFA), where she is secretary of the EHS Chapter and vice president for the South District. She has also won numerous awards at the state FFA competition, including third place in the FFA Quorum Competition and second place in the state meat judging competition.

Bailey has contributed to various community service activities, including school blood drives, concession stands and other community activities such as the Fall Festival, Haunted Jail and the community business and health fair. She enjoys snow skiing, watching football games, reading, shopping and relaxing.

AEC has participated in the Washington Youth Tour program for more than 20 years, sponsoring the program at Andalusia High School, Elba High School, Opp High School and Pike County High School. The winner from each school represented AEC at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Youth Tour program in Washington, D.C. The winners and runners-up from each school attended the Alabama Rural Electric Association (AREA) Youth Tour in Montgomery, Ala.

Jason Johnson, son of Mike and Juli Parrish, was EHS's runner-up. Johnson, a senior at EHS, is a member of Senior Beta Club, journalism staff, EHS Drumline, FFA, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA), and Boy Scout Troop No. 37. He has participated in Passport, a summer missions project and various other community service projects. Johnson likes music, reading, camping, fishing and preparing meals.

Richard Kindred, son of Jessica Kindred, was EHS's first alternate. Kindred, a senior at EHS, is a varsity football player, member of First Baptist Church youth group, Senior Beta Club, 4-H and Royal Rangers, volunteer at the Christian Mission, member of the Elba Tiger Band and is a youth group missionary worker. Kindred's hobbies include marksmanship, fishing, hunting, reading, listening to music and watching movies.

Melanie Mularz, daughter of Ricky and Kathy Mularz, was EHS's second alternate. Mularz, a senior at EHS, is a varsity cheerleader, a member of the volleyball team, softball team, Senior Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club, Spanish Club, reporter and historian for Student Government (SGA), secretary of junior class, vice president of FCCCLA, editor of the school newspaper and a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 300. Mularz enjoys babysitting, being with friends, cooking, computers, reading and music in her spare time.

Chase Boutwell, son of Keith and Brenda Boutwell, was EHS's third alternate. Boutwell is a senior at EHS and is on the "A" Honor Roll, Algebra II Math Team, 2005-2006 National Honor Roll, a member of FFA, VICA, Mu Alpha Theta, Senior Beta Club and is an EHS Ambassador. In his free time, Boutwell enjoys playing football, baseball, four-wheeler riding, hunting and fishing.

The following students were listed as candidates to receive degrees:

Elba Misty Leigh Hubbard Master's Degree, Nancy Lindsey Smith Master's Degree

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GIVE HONOR TO WHOM HONORS DO

We, the family of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at New Abundant Life Deliverance Ministries, would like to take this time to make known to all men and women that August 17th was declared by the mayor of the City of Elba to be - Bishop Mar Hirron Ignatius Williams' Day.

On this day nine years ago he was the first African-American to be consecrated in full vestment in the State of Alabama.

In Tribute..... Bishop Hirron Williams

And who do men say that you are? Some call you "The Bishop". Others related to you as "The Prophet". And many have even titled you "A Radical Preacher." But who do we say that you are? You are the Bishop and Father of this house. The one God has divinely chosen to carry the genetic imprint and characteristics of **A New Breed**. One who has indelibly imprinted within our spirits and minds Kingdom principals that will forever change the course of our destinies. Your teachings have liberated the captives, rescued the perishing, and provided an oasis for those in desert place, renewed solidarity and singleness of vision among us as a people. Our spirits continually reverberate your precepts and examples that have been so vividly demonstrated within our midst. You've taught us to soar, to excel, to elevate our minds - Think the unthinkable- Dream the impossible - Refine our borders and Challenge every obstacle! The sacrifices of your family, Apostle Linda and your children are greatly appreciated. They have counted the cost and yet persist in unselfishly sharing you with the rest of the world. To the Williams' Family - **We Thank You!** And to those who are of the Constitution of The New Abundant Life Deliverance Ministries. The commander in Chief and the Captain of New Abundant Life Ministries, Inc. has announced that we are now moving at warp speed! We are pioneering new frontiers and navigating a previously uncharted course with precision we must execute His directives. There is no room for lethargy, slumber or sleep. In rank, file and order, we must assume our places. Embrace the vision, and seize the moment.

From,
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Campus, or (334) 598-3438 at the Fort Rucker Site.

What are mini-terms for?

For over a decade, Enterprise-Ozark Community College has offered two mini-term sessions during the regular semester time-frame. Most of the students who use this option, like it.

Classes condensed into half of a semester, roughly 7 1/2 weeks, means students have to learn more faster. This can be challenging at times, but if the courses are needed in a hurry for job or certification requirements, they can be quite popular.

Some students wish to complete a series of courses such as English Composition I and II or Western Civilizations I and II, or just get some courses out of the way quickly in order to transfer to a four-year institution quickly.

And then some students may wish to take some courses during half of a semester in order to accommodate personal schedules.

While there are no rules for why there are rules for when. Students may opt to take mini-term classes in the day or at night on the Enterprise Campus or during the evenings only at the Ozark Aviation Campus or the Fort Rucker Site.

The first mini-term for fall semester will begin on August 21. Regular registration is open through August 17. Late registration continues through August 22 with a late fee. For more information about the first mini-term, how to be admitted to the College, or how to register, call (334) 347-2623 at the Enterprise Campus, (334) 774-5113 at the Ozark Aviation

UA August graduates announced

The University of Alabama awarded some 1,100 degrees during spring commencement ceremonies held Aug. 12 in Coleman Coliseum on campus.

Renowned art collector and civil rights activist Paul R. Jones was the featured speaker for UA's summer commencement ceremonies. A Bessemer native who now lives in Atlanta, Jones has amassed one of the world's largest private collections of African-American art.

With this graduating class, UA has awarded more than 197,000 degrees since its founding in 1831 as the state's first public university.

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Elba Misty Leigh Hubbard Master's Degree, Nancy Lindsey Smith Master's Degree

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